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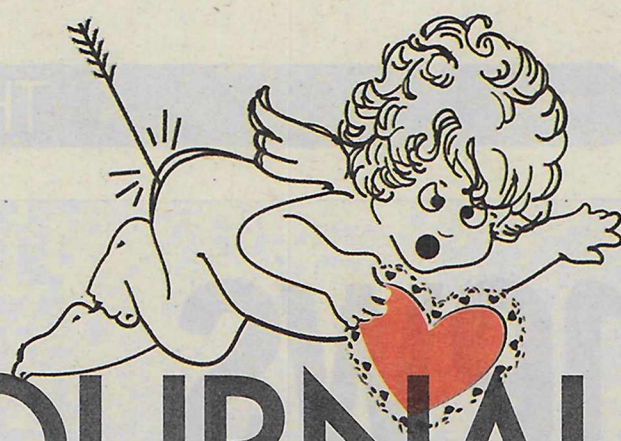
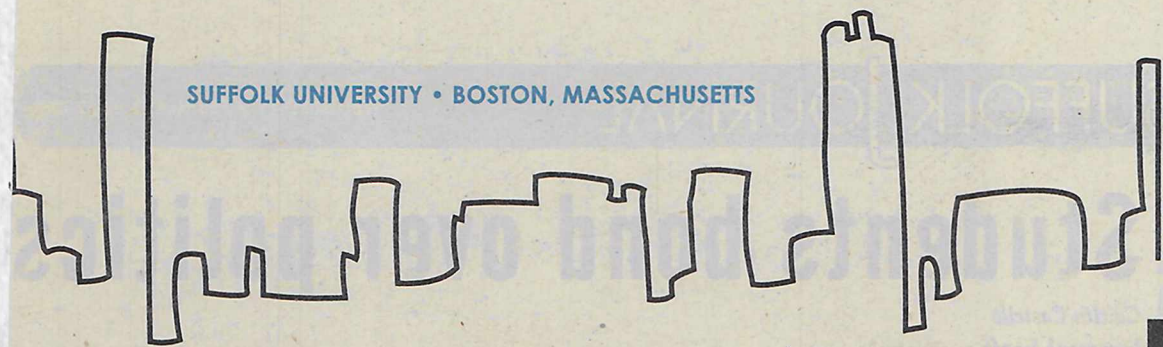
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Speech highlights Poland's emerging status

Rani Smith
Journal Staff

The United States image abroad has taken a beating in recent years. But there is at least one country that still welcomes us. Just ask U.S. Ambassador to Poland Victor Ashe. "It is kind of nice to be an ambassador in a country where we are liked," he said.

"It is not a long list," he added.

On Friday, Feb. 8 from 12:15 to 2 p.m. at the Omni Parker House, Ashe sought to stress the importance of Poland's involvement in the world of

global business. A country that once overcame religious and cultural discrimination, Poland expanded their global business and economic opportunities upon its entrance into the E.U. In May 1, 2004. Though the tales of World War II are woven into the country's history, as a member of the

ship with Poland is a rare one, given the state of U.S. foreign relations, he explained. Poland and the United States not only exist in a business relationship, but also a political one. The 2008 Presidential elections are very familiar to the Polish, Ashe recounted. "You would be impressed with the knowledge Poles have about the elections," he said, as they are up to date on primaries and caucuses.

In order to illustrate Poland's business benefits to the world, Ashe delved deep into a history

"Polish people were players in the fall of Communism. If they had not had the desire and willpower, then it couldn't have happened."

of occupation and war.

"Over 20 percent of the Polish population died in World War II," said Ashe. "The impact of World War II was as great on Poland than any other nation involved." However, the faith that was discriminated against during World War II

propelled the Polish to serve a critical role in the fall of Communism, explained Ashe.

"Communism by definition is atheism," he said, which led to Polish uprisings against Communist beliefs, as currently 93 to 94 percent of Polish citizens belong to one faith, according to **see POLAND page 2**



U.S. Ambassador to Poland Victor Ashe

Photo Credit: Rani Smith

Suffolk goes iTech

Kristin Morrell
Journal Staff

Fast-forward to the next generation of iTunes, as Suffolk University's Law School has unveiled its very own iTunes U educational site. Apple iTunes U allows professors to upload digital content from their classes and make it readily available to students. It was launched on Jan. 30 and can be accessed by going to the iTunes store.

Suffolk is one of six law schools that are currently taking advantage of this technology; others include Stanford, Duke, and New York University. "I didn't know about the service, but I saw it in an article," said Ian Menchini, Associate Director of Law Admissions; he, along with other members of the Law School put this service together. It is free to use and offered to law students, teachers and the general public.

iTunes U not only provides an educational service, but it may soon provide another source of

"It allows students or any listener to take their education on the road and listen anywhere, anytime, to enhance their learning experience."

advertising at Suffolk. They hope to expand their audience tremendously, as most students already own an iPod and download content on a daily basis. "It helps us broaden our marketplace because Apple is so dominant," said Menchini.

The public can access anything from podcasts on how to write a memorandum to weekly writing tips, and the internal community at the law school can access class recordings as well as course materials that may have missed. It also offers videos of the law school and featured speakers. "Anyone affiliated with the law school can put things up," said Menchini. "It's very universal."

Kathleen Elliot Vinson, Director of the Legal Practice Skills Program, said, "It allows students or any listener to take their education on the road and listen anywhere, anytime, to enhance their learning experience." She also says that she has gotten requests from around the country from interested students and faculty that want to be guest speakers on the podcasts.

As for expanding this service to College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and Suffolk Business School (SBS) Menchini said, "I think so; I really believe that [after] talking with the folks there it is just a matter of time."

Many teachers already use iTunes in CAS and SBS as a way to tape their lecture and put it on iTunes for students to catch up on classes that they've missed or to get clarification on information that they did not understand.

Robert Curtis, professor of computer science said, "I record all of my classroom lectures - screen recording of my computer as I lecture in class - with both audio of me speaking, student questions, and the screen presentation on the overhead projector in video recording." **see ITUNES page 3**

news BRIEFS

POLICE BLOTTER

Wednesday, Feb. 6

73 Tremont St.
Stolen laptop reported.
Report filed.

Thursday, Feb. 7

10 Somerset St.
Received a fire alarm report.
Report filed.

10 West St.
Report of alcohol confiscation.
Report filed.

Friday, Feb. 8

150 Tremont St.
Report of receiving harassing phone calls.
Report filed.

Saturday, Feb. 9

150 Tremont St.
Noise complaint.
No report filed.

10 Somerset St.
Smoke detector sounding.
Report filed.

Monday, Feb. 11

Sawyer Building
Report of a person trespassing.
Report filed.

Fenton Building
Report of a larceny.
Report filed.

Donahue Building
Issued trespassing warning. Report to follow.



Students bond over politics

Caitlin Castello
Journal Staff

There were no hate-filled discussions about Hillary Clinton. No plots planned for the demise of the Democratic Party. No chants worshipping President George Bush. All that resided in the College Republicans meeting were a group of friends hoping to see a Republican elected into office.

What the nine students who gather in a Sawyer classroom Wednesday nights have in common is that they are the political minority in a state that is traditionally very liberal.

"This is the best state to have a Republican Club in because we get to have the most challenges of any state out there, except maybe Vermont," said member Ed Plamowski.

The Suffolk University College Republicans meet weekly on Wednesday nights. The club has 10 to 15 active club members, according to President Lea DeFrancesco, a junior political science major.

"This goal for the group is to get new membership and getting our name out there, showing we have a voice," said DeFrancesco.

The club is working on two major events, a debate with the College Democrats – the date is to be determined – and a university event. The club is deciding to have a speaker, but has not decided who.

"It's our stated goal in the charter to support Republican principals and ideals. We are here to help students get involved in the political process,"

said Vice Chair Stuart Bangs, who defines himself as fiscally and militarily conservative and socially Libertarian.

According to Bangs, the group's purpose is to support Republican candidates, ideals and beliefs.

"That's why we are here, to help Republicans win in Mass."

"I love the fact that we are a little bit diverse."

It's a daunting task," said Bangs jokingly.

As a group, the Republican nominee gets full support, but during the primaries members can choose who they please, says DeFrancesco. While the majority of the members seemed to be supporting Senator John McCain, a few members professed their endorsements for Mike Huckabee, and former Mass. Governor Mitt Romney.

Different members prioritize the ideal and principles of the Republican Party in their own way. One member, Jim Wilson holds economics high on his list. He said he voted for Romney because of Romney's business background, although Wilson did admit he was moving his support to McCain.

Wilson, who describes himself as a classical liberal/American conservative, said his favorite part about the club is the fellowship and meeting other Republicans in Massachusetts.

Karl Hoffman, a freshman political science major, joined the club this year and is the club's secretary as well as the Suffolk Chair for Students for McCain. During the meeting he informed the group about Facebook groups for McCain. Later, at the conclusion of the meeting, he expressed why he decided to support McCain. "We need a president who can reach across the aisle and talk to democrats and McCain has the qualifications in order to bring the country back," said Hoffman. "He says what he means and he means what he says."

Despite small varying political views, what the members value the most are the friendships made through the group. Rachel Sledge, a sophomore philosophy major, found the club at the Winter Involvement Fair. Her favorite part of the club are the "really great friendships," she said. "I love the fact that we are a little bit diverse." Sledge is supporting Huckabee in this race because of his religious views, she said. Member Heather Maloney, public relations major, said she is not politically active and would define herself as a moderate/independent.

"I like hearing what everyone else has to say. I'm not really into politics so I get a lot of my information from what I hear," said Maloney. "We are very welcoming to new members; we are like a little family."

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to Ashe. "Church is influential," he said. "Polish people were players in the fall of Communism. If they had not had the desire and willpower, then it couldn't have happened."

In working to overcome the cataclysm of World War II, Poland would have to learn how to coexist with two of Europe's greatest superpowers, and prevalent neighbors, Germany and Russia, he explained. "Occupation was a problem," said Ashe. "Poland never had the chance to be its own nation." According to him, however, the same location that once plagued the country is now the reason Poland has a fighting chance to improve global business relationships. "Poland is a

great place for equal opportunity."

While Poland is remembered much for its role in World War II, Ashe explained the unknown parallels between Poland and the United States, who according to the CIA has the largest economy in the world.

"I can think of very few businesses that would not be right for Poland," said Ashe. "There is everything from Wrigley's chewing gum to Black Hawk helicopters to Dell computers." With many Polish people obtaining college degrees, he described the work ethic as "incredibly good."

Modern day Poland is similar to that of any other tourist

trap, as they boast a plethora of museums, pubs, and gardens to which visitors flock.

Decades before, Poland was a hotbed for religious and cultural strife, as history that will forever be associated with the nation, as represented by monuments and buildings of historical significance.

As she works not only to educate others of their past but to create new business opportunities and economic relationships between Poland, the United States and the rest of the world.

"We can't take it for granted," he said. "There are occasional disagreements like any relationship. But we can be proud of it."

iTUNES page 1

Curtis posts all of his lectures right after class and that gives students a chance to play, stop and rewind the videos until they understand the content of the class.

When asked how it will help the law school out Curtis said, "computer science and mathematics instruction, this is very useful as much of the learning occurs by students watching what the instructor does, and then mimicking it."

Eric Dewar, department of Biology, thinks that it is a good idea that will provide another way for students to access their classes. "Blackboard, it's a way to host audio files and other course documents," he said. Also, he mainly likes that students can use the iTunes desktop application to subscribe to documents rather than receiving them physically on Blackboard. "It might not work in every class or for every faculty member, but I'm excited to try it," said Dewar.

According to Suffolk University's website, staff at the Law School are currently working on adding content to the site, including the most recent faculty and alumni information.

Go to law.suffolk.edu/iTunes/ to check it out.

Super panel for Super Tuesday



Photo Credit: Clay Adamczyk

Super Tuesday panel

Titlin Castello
Journal Staff

Super Tuesday results were explained and analyzed Thursday, Feb. 7 by a panel assembled by the Communication and Journalism and Government Departments. Peter Beinart, editor in chief of The New Republic, Bruce Butterfield, journalist in residence and assistant professor, and David Paleologos, Director of the Suffolk University Political Research Center all commented on the 2008 campaign with their respective expertise. Alison King, political reporter from New England Cable News did not participate due to Mitt Romney dropping out of the race moments before the event began.

Dr. Robert Rosenthal, Chairman of the Communication Journalism Department asked the panel a series of questions before opening the floor to the audience. Discussion varied from the New Hampshire primaries to the possibility of a third party candidate for the Democrats and Rudy Giuliani's failed campaign.

While the majority of the questions focused around the Democratic campaign, as there is more of a race going on, explained Dr. Rosenthal, John McCain and Mike Huckabee's race for the Republican nomination was discussed as well.

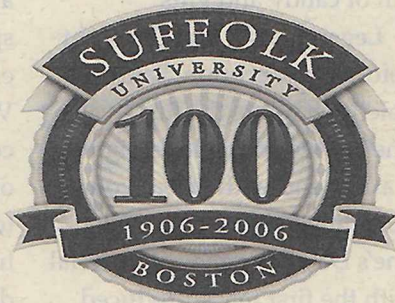
After questions from the audience, Dr. Rosenthal concluded the discussion by encouraging the audience to register to vote and get out to the polls.



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Peter Beinart

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Staff Editorial: Valentine\$ Day?

Once again Valentine's Day is upon us and no matter where you look people are giving and receiving heart shaped gifts and chocolates, roses and fancy jewelry. Suddenly, on this one day couples are pulling out all the stops with fancy dinner reservations, lavish gifts and fancy dates to show their love. When did people decide that it takes a holiday to profess one's love of another?

It seems as though Valentine's Day is no longer a day that simply symbolizes love. What was once a day that celebrated the life of Saint Valentine and his actions of secretly marrying young men who were told to remain single, has become a commercialized holiday

full of candy and gifts.

Legend has it that the night before his execution, Saint Valentine wrote the first "valentine" to his young love, signing it at the end with "from your Valentine." Since then, Valentine's Day has gone commercial with the first mass-produced paper valentines in the mid 1800s. In the 20th century, candy and gifts became part of the tradition.

Valentine's Day has become a day where people feel the need to go all out to "prove" their love and show that they care. It has become what many would call a commercial holiday. The simple paper valentines of the 19th century are no longer enough. With the

amount of advertisements for specialty jewelry, candy, flowers and other "love tokens", Valentine's Day has become commercialized and put a lot of added pressure on couples to step it up on this one day. It has become a Hallmark holiday of sorts which encourages couples to show and often times "buy" their love towards each other through the use of gifts.

If a couple were truly in love, they would not need a special day to remind them that they love each other. Relationships have enough pressures as it is and the added pressure of Valentine's Day can only make things more stressful for many.

When giving gifts, people

should not feel that they need a special holiday to give them. What girl wouldn't love a bouquet of roses as a surprise on any given day? And what guy wouldn't love a back rub after a hard day of work?

A loving relationship is not about the flowers, cards and candy. It's about the trust and the bond that two people share and the love that they feel. If two people truly loved each other, they wouldn't need a holiday to remind them of that.

When couples give each other gifts, they should come from the heart and not because a holiday told them they were necessary. A small gesture here and there such as a love note or surprise picnic is worth more

than a diamond necklace that may one day get lost or go out of style. People shouldn't feel obligated to buy extra gifts on Valentine's Day to show or "prove" their love to their significant other. To truly love someone is a special thing, something that not even the richest person can buy.



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Humanitarian crisis in Gaza

Kaitlin Buckley

Journal Contributor

The situation in Gaza has drawn increased mainstream media attention in the past few weeks as the Israeli government's decision to officially seal its borders culminated in the image of Gazans breaking down border walls and streaming into Egypt. The ending of this particular blockade in order to prevent a humanitarian disaster is too little, too late.

The walls were rebuilt and Egypt has increased patrols. There is already an existing humanitarian disaster due to these border restrictions, which are indicative of occupation. Although the Israeli government withdrew soldiers and settlers in 2005, it is still the occupying power and controls the economy and borders.

The continued strangulation of Gazans until the breaking point is cruel and inhumane, exacerbating a desperate situation. Rocket fire into the Israeli town of Sderot this past weekend has raised the likelihood of Israeli Defense Force operations in Gaza, although thus far, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has avoided calls for such operations.

Hoping to deter rocket fire from militant groups into towns across the Israeli border,

the Israeli government has increased restrictions on goods and services that sustain life in Gaza. This means that Gaza's 1.4 million residents are paying the price for the violent actions of a minority, which is illegal under the Fourth Geneva Convention.

Gazans depend on imports of essential supplies, ranging from diesel fuel to cooking oil, from outside the area. Without open borders, it is also impossible to produce or export materials, and there is rampant unemployment. Severe electricity shortages inhibit the functioning of medical equipment such as incubators. Malnutrition is a reality. Freedom of movement is restricted.

Shortages and restrictions of necessities have plagued the area since January 2006, when the democratically elected government of Hamas was declared a hostile entity by the government of Israel. Under international law, it is illegal to both target civilians and to destroy civilian infrastructure.

The Israeli government violated Geneva Convention laws by bombing Gaza's only power plant in 2006 as a result of a Hamas attack, and deepened the violations by conducting air and ground raids on the

population. Absolute poverty (which means existing on less than two U.S. dollars per day) rose to 78 percent during the siege in 2006.

Preventing food, water, fuel and medicine from reaching Gaza is illegal; threatening to stop the flow of necessities is cruel. Allowing only certain humanitarian supplies into the area at any given moment does not ameliorate the injustice of these restrictions. Humanitarian supplies do not include items such as cement or textbooks, as the New York Times reports. Respected human rights organizations such as the International Red Cross and the United Nations publicly call for an end to these restrictive policies, but until an actual settlement is reached, there is no telling when it will be reinstated. Starving an entire group of people in the hopes that some of them will stop acting out violently is ineffective.

It is clear to see that the situation is untenable. Attacks against civilians, either by militants or a nation state, violate the Geneva Conventions. The only way to end violence and pain is to address the heart of the issue and end the occupation.

Regaining NATO's trust in Afghanistan

ssen McCormick
Journal Staff

Considered the forgotten of the War on Terror, Afghanistan regained some prominence at the Democrats' debate before Super Tuesday, all it took was nearly a year of bungled defense policy. With Republican front runner John McCain promising more of the same bungling with an increased troop presence in Iraq and speculating that troops could be in Iraq for another 100 years, now is the perfect time for the Democratic nominee to focus on Afghanistan as a key part of their national security strategy. Once the centerpiece of the War on Terror, and a shining example of NATO and the United States' goodwill surplus Afghanistan, it is now backsliding to the same lawlessness that followed the 'Cold War powers' proxy war in 1989.

In the wake of the CIA-backed Mujahideen's victory over the Soviet Union Afghanistan was abandoned by the United States. Throughout the post-war period of the early 90s the complete lack of infrastructure and stable government led to the ultra-repressive Taliban's rise and subsequent support and shelter for al-Qaeda. Following Sept. 11 and Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan's future and that of the War on Terror seemed bright. Afghanis women regained their rights, the Taliban and al-Qaeda were on the run and the United States still had near universal support in its campaign. Iraq changed that, shifting focus away from the real front line of the war on terror to one based on fabricated information and media coercion.

Since our shift to Iraq the Taliban has regrouped while international support has waned, with Germany recently denying that they would extend troop support beyond its current limit of 3,500 troops. At the same time debate over Canada's role in Afghanistan continues as both sides of the aisle in Ottawa threaten to completely withdraw unless NATO secures an additional 1,000 troops from other nations. Re-

sponding to such pressure, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has acknowledged that popular European sentiment against the Iraq War has made it harder to persuade NATO member nations to commit troops to the campaign in Afghanistan.

With such a dire situation in Central Asia, it is imperative for the next President of the United States to shift focus back to Afghanistan. Additional combat troops are still needed to combat the Taliban, who are now proclaiming victory over the United States and NATO, but more importantly, an increased troop presence is needed to insure a transition to a stable Afghan state. Training troops, guaranteeing elections free of corruption, protecting human rights, and halting narcotics production should be the mission of NATO and Afghan troops once the Taliban is quelled. But in order to put down the resurgent insurgents additional troops are needed. McCain is obviously not the answer to this problem as a colonial presence in Iraq will only draw our troops away from Afghanistan while alienating NATO allies. Thus whoever wins the Dems' nomination must return our national security focus to Central Asia.

If the Taliban were to regain power it would signify the total failure of the War on Terror, any success McCain's troop surge in Iraq might bring would be nullified by the loss of Afghanistan. It was after all the Taliban who supported and provided shelter to al-Qaeda, and it was under their aegis that the 9/11 attacks were planned. Democrats are often accused of not supporting the troops and being weak on defense when they dare suggest withdrawal from Iraq, by focusing debate on Afghanistan the Democratic candidate would have a strong counter to the talking point that they are "soft on terror." Thus, a renewed focus on diplomacy to insure continuing support from NATO's member nations and a focus on national building in Afghanistan should be central to America's national defense policy.

I will spend Valentines Day cold and alone

Matt Altieri
Journal Staff

Valentine's Day, please, don't make me puke. For our entire existences we have managed to make it through most every Valentine's Day, but always come out of it feeling much stupider than before. Not from the mind-numbing couples that suck face all day, exchanging flowers and candy like it's some sort of currency, but the excessive, date-making, card-filling love-propaganda that is so widely loved in American society. This is what makes me vomit the most.

How can a holiday, supposedly out of love, become so materialistic to the point of where even when we are young, we are taught the importance of the exchange of candy hearts and cheap, cartoon-characterized cards? Not only this, but the excess of money that the American public will spend on this day is completely ludicrous. Kiss that \$16.90 billion dollars goodbye, America, you've wasted it on candy that will only make that heart attack come that much faster, on crappy cards you'll throw away when your boyfriend dumps you, and on jewelry that we wish we could steal from your girlfriend and hawk to a pawn shop. I would imagine that St. Valentine is turning over in his grave, if I could pick out the Valentine that would be most upset that his name is associated with the holiday; until 1969, the Catholic Church formally recognized eleven St. Valentines.

Of course, I have to blame someone. Someone who would be diabolical enough to turn this holiday into an American travesty, someone who would exaggerate histories of this holiday and leave us with the expenses and expectations that Valentine's Day brings. One can trace this back all to America's first enemy: England. Around 1382, a man named Geoffrey Chaucer put out a poem *Parlement of Foules* and he couldn't have put it out at a worse time. *Parlement of Foules*, a poem originally intended to celebrate the marriage of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia (keep in mind the poem is celebrating the marriage of a 12- and 13-year-old...gross) was the first term used to describe this day as the day for lovers.

However, up until this poem, there is no historical connection between any St. Valentine and romance. In fact, the date of King Richard and Anne of Bohemia's wedding was called the day of St. Valentines, that being the second of May. But once again, simple minded idiots screw it up. Readers incorrectly thought Chaucer referred to the holiday on the fourteenth of February. With the mid-winter date and the theme of lovers loving, it couldn't get any worse for poor Geoffrey. He had set a date in history that pairs up St. Valentines with romance, and he couldn't have been any more wrong.

In fact, various works have suffered the same fate as Chaucer. In *Legenda Aurea* – literally meaning *Golden Legend* – Jacobus de Voragine tells us the truthful tale of the St. Valentine, an early Christian who had intellectual discussions with the Roman pagan Emperor Claudius II. Claudius, impressed by the virtue of Valentine, attempted to convert him from Christianity to Roman paganism. Valentine refuses, and is eventually killed. A simple, tragic tale is completely misunderstood once again. Due to Chaucer's tale, the version written in 1483 has been told falsely with St. Valentine being a priest that married against the will of Emperor Claudius II. Once again, the theme of love is injected into the life of St. Valentine, and the legend continues.

Some countries around the world, however, seem to get the holiday right. The South Koreans celebrate black day on April 14. The holiday simply involves eating *Ijjangmyeon*, a Korean noodle dish with black and white bean sauce. It is meant to celebrate the singles that were not able to express themselves on Valentine's Day. Finland celebrates *Ystävänpäivä*, which translates to "Friend's Day", a holiday celebrating friends rather than loved ones. Iran and Saudi Arabia have banned the holiday completely. In Iran, some citizens have chosen to secretly celebrate the holiday but Saudi Arabia has even told store owners that they may not have any red items on their shelves for that day.

Regardless of traditions, Valentine's Day was meant to honor the marriage of a King and Queen, not to honor the sale of pink and red merchandise. Taken falsely from ancient texts and put fourth as fact, we outright reject the scam that is Valentine's Day and sternly say that we will spend it cold, single, and alone.

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ANTI-VALENTINE'S DAY

Tara Lachapelle
Journal Staff

Some may share the belief that Valentine's Day is a holiday created by Hallmark, candy manufacturers, florists, and other corporations benefitting from the day's hoopla, but the history behind the romantic celebration proves to be much more than a greeting card company's scam.

According to History.com, Valentine's Day is a combination of vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. Because the Catholic Church recognizes at least three saints named Valentine, each of these saints bears their own romantic legend.

Valentine may have been a priest in Rome in the 3rd century who defied Emperor Claudius II's decision to outlaw marriages amongst his young soldiers. Valentine continued to perform marriages for young

lovers, despite the ban, but when Claudius learned of the insubordinate priest he ordered that he be put to death. Thus, this Valentine died defending love.

While some hold this legend as the foundation of the nationally celebrated St. Valentine's Day, other stories suggest that Valentine was a martyr who was killed for helping Christians escape brutal torture in Roman prisons. According to one tale, Valentine was a romantic who fell in love with his jailor's daughter while serving in prison. The young girl would make frequent visits to him during his confinement, and just before his death, he allegedly wrote her a love letter and signing it, "From your Valentine."

According to the Greeting Card Association, Americans

probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 18th century, although Great Britain had been celebrating the feast day one whole century earlier. In the 1840s, Esther Allen Howland, a woman from Worcester, Mass., began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America produced on lace-edged paper embossed by hand and purchased from England. Howland, known as the Mother of the Valentine, is recognized as the innovator of many Valentine's Day creations. Valentine's Day rebels cannot blame Hallmark since, not only are they not credited with introducing Valentine's Day to America, but they didn't offer Valentine's Day cards until 1913.

Fun Valentine's Facts:

According to the Greeting Card Association, approximately one billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged industry-wide, making Valentine's Day the second-largest holiday for giving greeting cards.

Valentine's Day is celebrated in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, France, Australia, Denmark, and Italy.

According to History.com, 85 percent of all valentines are purchased by women.

Un-Sentimental Playlist

1. "Somebody Kill Me" – Adam Sandler in *The Wedding Singer*
2. "Love Stinks" – The J. Geils Band
3. "Down With Love" – Michael Bublé ft. Holly Palmer
4. "Song for the Dumped" – Ben Folds Five
5. "Love Bites" – Def Leppard
6. "You Give Love A Bad Name" – Bon Jovi
7. "Before He Cheats" – Carrie Underwood
8. "Irreplaceable" – Beyoncé
9. "If Love Is a Red Dress (Hang Me in Rags)" – Maria McKee
10. "Dirty Glass" – Dropkick Murphys
11. "Everyday I Love You Less and Less" – Kaiser Chiefs
12. "Love Hurts" – Nazareth
13. "The Trouble with Love Is" – Kelly Clarkson
14. "I'm Gonna Find Another You" – John Mayer
15. "Friends Don't Let Friends Dial Drunk" – Plain White T's

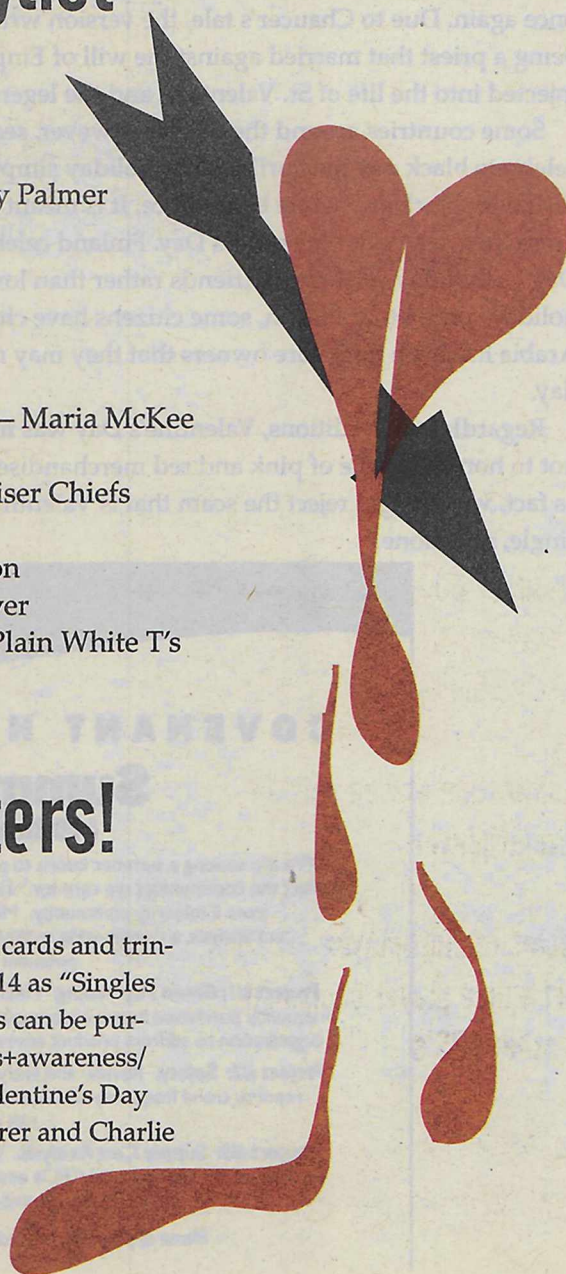
Attention V-Day Haters!

Not only can you purchase anti-Valentine's Day cards and trinkets, but you can now buy t-shirts promoting Feb. 14 as "Singles Awareness Day." These anti-Valentine's Day t-shirts can be purchased from <http://www.cafepress.com/buy/singles+awareness/anti-valentine>. So show your devotion to hating Valentine's Day and resist the urge to give out your Dora the Explorer and Charlie Brown cards.

National Singles Night Suggestions

Do Something Fun - Not Sappy

- Red Light, Green Light Singles Party at Kings! Wear red if you're taken and green if you're single and ready to mingle. Take out your anti-valentine frustrations on some pins. There will be karaoke in the lounge area and bowling for women is free after 9 p.m. Kings is located at 50 Dalton St. Take the green line E train to Prudential. Call 617-266-2695 for more information.
- Guitar Hero Night at Good Time Emporium! Rock out to amateur wanna-be rock stars or meet your dream girl rocker chick. It's free and doors open at 8 p.m. Good Time Emporium is located at 30 Assembly Square Dr. in Somerville. Take the orange line to Sullivan Square. Call 617-628-5559 for more information.
- See Magnetic Fields play at the Somerville Theatre! This band's bitter music is surely anti-valentine's day. Hear tracks from their most recent album, *Distortion*. Tickets are \$27.50 and doors open at 9 p.m. The Somerville Theatre is located at 55 Davis Square in Somerville. Take the red line to Davis. Call 617-625-5700.
- Upstairs on the Square is celebrating their St. Singles Day Party on Valentine's Day Eve. The event starts at 9:30 p.m. and the cover is \$13. Upstairs on the Square at 91 Winthrop St. in Cambridge. Take the red line to Harvard Square. Call 617-864-1933 for information.
- Mansion is hosting their annual Flirt Fest! This event will include hors d'oeuvres, drink sampling, a DJ and a sultry fashion show. The event is from 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$14 in advance, or \$20 at the door. Mansion is located at 1 Boylston Place. Take the green line to Boylston. Call 781-444-7771 for more information.
- Red Sky's Anti-Valentine's Day Party is calling all Valentine's Day haters for a cocktail reception, chocolate fountains, and a lingerie fashion show. This event is \$25 and requires registering for their reduced guest list before 11 p.m. Red Sky is located across from Quincy Market. See www.going.com/madadcupid for more information.



"Little Dog" not the only one laughing

Janita Smith
Journal Contributor

The little dog laughed and did the audience at the Boston Center for the Arts and PeakEasy Stage Company's production on Saturday. Douglas Carter Beane's Tony Award nominated show, "The Little Dog Laughed" is currently on its New England debut after its Broadway run and has "just enough damaged goods to keep it interesting" - as character Alex might say. Despite the title and catchy title, it is not a play for the whole family, as it deals with prostitution and homosexuality, nudity and worst of all, show business. The play is, however, quite funny, as it deals with the controversial subject matter.

A closeted movie star, Mitchell (Robert Serrell), starts to fall in love with a prostitute he orders from an agency, Alex (Jonathan Orsini), who just happens to have girlfriend

named Ellen (Angie Jepson) while Mitchell's agent, Diane (Maureen Keiller), tries frantically to keep an impending business deal afloat by keeping him in the closet. Ironically, the new role that will make Mitchell a star is one in which he would play a gay character. Comedy does ensue but not necessarily for conservative viewers, as gay and show business jokes abound, and the irreverent agent likens her world to "a whore's cherry" and even a slave joke spices up the mix on stage. The show is, however, a surprisingly poignant love story between the two men and how each character struggles to find happiness and hold on to it. All the characters at one point get close to having everything they could want and being happy; too bad what each character wants is the absolute worst case scenario for the other three, and what makes one character happy makes the other three

miserable. But the hour and ten minute play moves along speedily to an ending with a twist. And although the play ends with a reasonable resolution to everyone's problems like that in a fairy tale - the ending is one the whole audience was hoping against. The author begs the question, is having what you want the same as being happy?

The stage setting is purposely sparse and demands that viewers visualize other locations the characters travel to throughout the play, but the sparse set and dramatic spotlighting of actors and scenery presents the actors with the opportunity to showcase their acting abilities skills every time they enter onstage. This works really well in the comical scenes, but falls flat in some of the more emotional scenes played, especially since there is nothing to distract from the acting- good or bad.

The play will continue its run until Feb. 16 and features an award winning cast and Suffolk's own Theatre department alum Jonathan Orsini. Tickets are on sale for \$51-\$54 and student rush tickets are available at the theatre an hour before the performance for \$14. The play and actors are award-nominated and award-winning and the play is highly entertaining and humorous for those of a less conservative nature; not a bad way to spend a Saturday night.

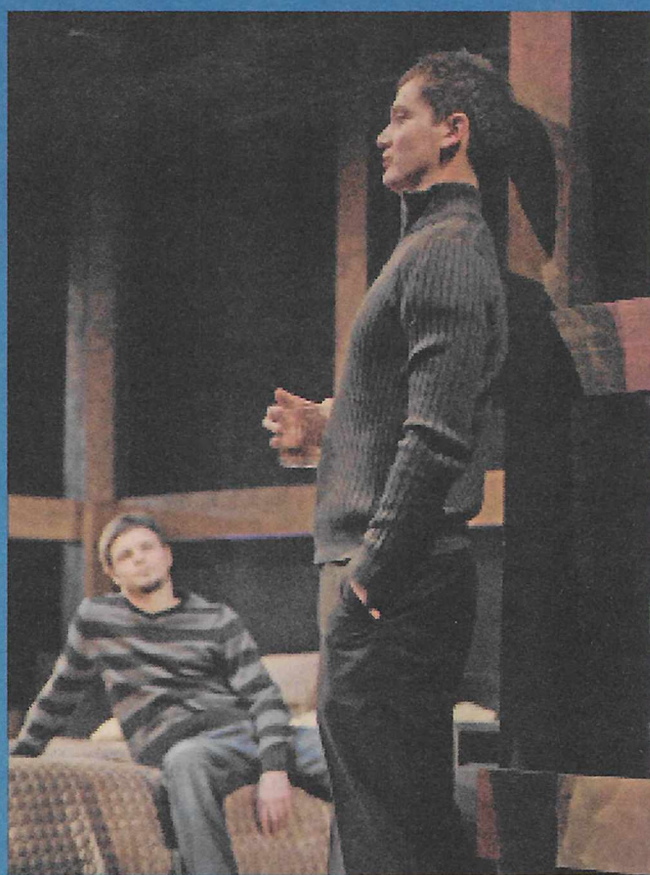


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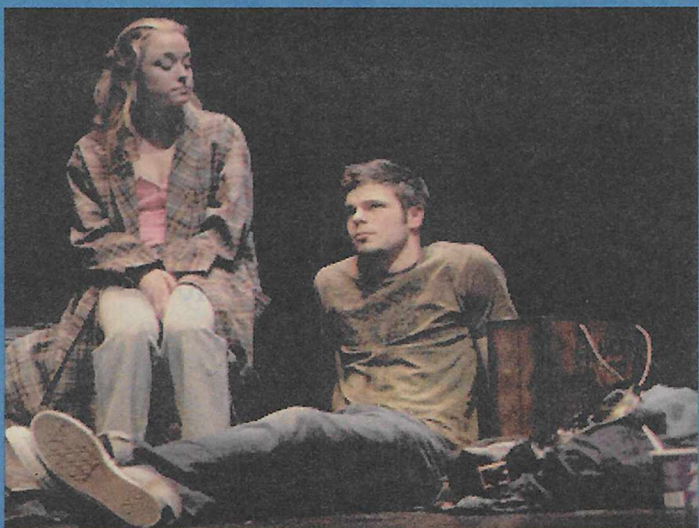


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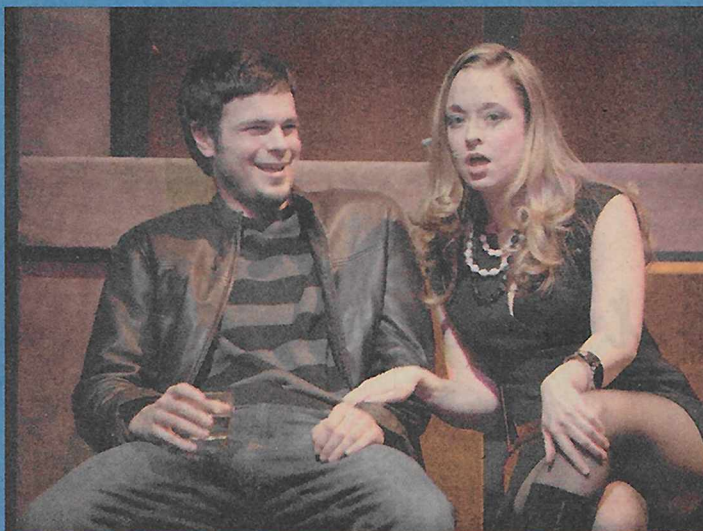


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Video Gamers Army Pick of the Week: Call of Duty 4

Matheus DePaula-Santos
Journal Contributor

The fine folks at Infinity Ward have been known for producing the best selling, critically acclaimed WWII first person shooter series, Call of Duty (C.O.D.). With Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare, the series has finally made its way to the present day; and it's safe to say it has never been better. Set in the modern day, C.O.D. 4 continues the series' multiple protagonist storylines, bouncing between the members of the U.S. Marine Corp. and the British S.A.S. Regiment.

The single player campaign spans the globe, taking the player to locations such as the Republic of Azerbaijan and the nuclear ghost town Pripyat, Ukraine outside of Chernobyl. The plot sees nuclear armed extremists launching a coup-d'état in an unnamed Middle Eastern country. This story unfolds through cinematic quality cut scenes, NPC radio chatter and pre-

[Pro]

- + Stunning visuals along side well scripted cut scenes
- + Eerie realistic combat and environments
- + Deep customization of weapons and powers up in multiplayer

[Con]

- Lack of vehicles in multiplayer
- Slightly short single player campaign compared to other FPS's

V.G.A. Pro Tip: Keep moving! Grenades will find you if you stay still especially on the harder levels.

mission briefings. While the cinematics are stunning, it is possible to run past the well scripted dialogue between NPCs.

Facing throngs of enemies in stunning 1080p HD, players will be glad to have the latest in weapons technology from the H&K MP5 to an AC-130 Gunship's night vision enabled 25mm Gatling gun at their fingers.

While the single player campaign will chew up a good chunk of time, it's the multiplayer where a player can get real mileage out of the game. Rather than being bound to character classes, C.O.D. 4 allows you to mix and match your character with various power-ups to your style of play. You like going in hard and heavy? Then juggernaut and double tap are for you. Quiet and deadly more your style? UVA Jammer and stopping power is what you want. With over 12 power-up options, a full arsenal of weapons and multiple game types on 16 maps, you'll definitely find what you're looking for. C.O.D. 4 is well worth a spot in any FPS fan's library.

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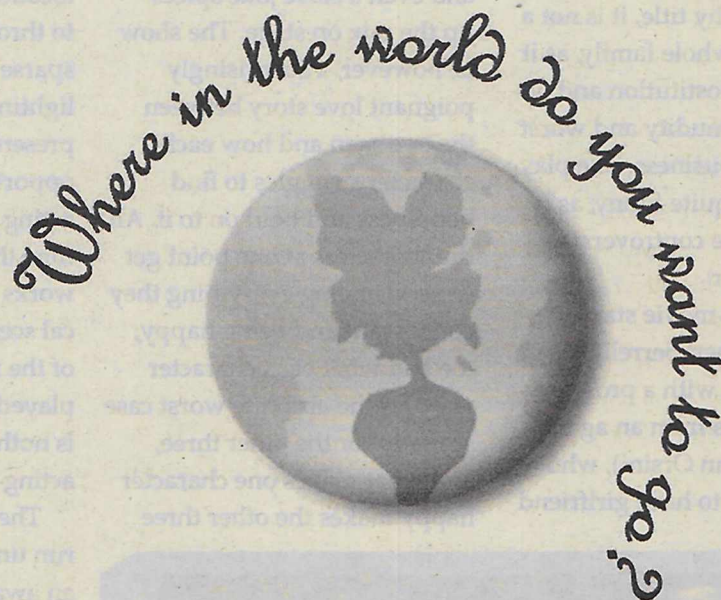
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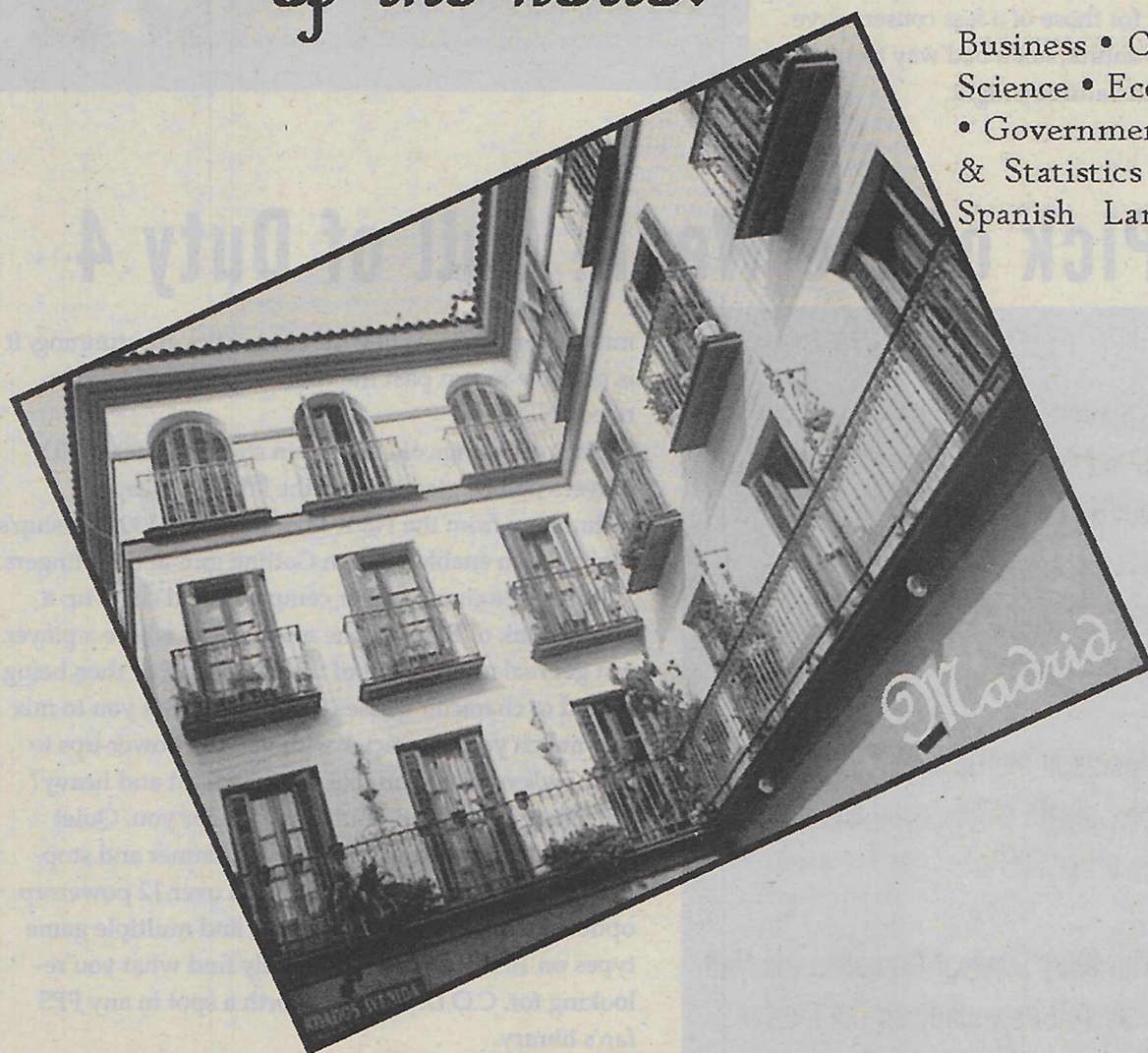
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WEDNESDAY

As if things couldn't get any stranger in this city, it looks like Paris Hilton is coming to The Estate at 1 Boylston to celebrate the fact that Harvard has granted her the title of "Woman of the year". Yes, that's right, you heard me, somehow a 12-minute video online and jail time grants you woman of the year. Go to goingboston.com and buy tickets for \$30 dollars, or you could call (617) 351-7000

Roommate hates you already? Tough luck. Find a new one at the Off Campus Housing Fair at Boston University on 775 Commonwealth Ave. (Boston University Central T-stop) from 3 – 6 p.m.. For more information, email ocho@suffolk.edu

THURSDAY

Are you the only kid on your floor with an appreciation for jazz? Feeling the Thelonious Monk blues? Go to the Berklee jazz festival at the Hynes Convention Center on 900 Boylston St. Most Berklee events are free and open to the general public, but you should call ahead to the Convention Center at (781) 393-5797

Super Tuesday got you all hyped up? The urge to argue politics taking over your mind? From 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Donahue 311, you can talk over the results of Super Tuesday with Peter Beinart, Alison King, and Suffolk Professor Bruce Butterfield.

FRIDAY

Do you loathe life, perhaps existence all together? Have black eyeliner and parachute pants with chains all over them? Need a place to party as well? Well head on over to Xmortis Vampy Valentines at T.T. the Bear's on 10 Brookline St., Cambridge, MA. It's 18 and over, with only \$5 at the door (but \$10 after 10:30 p.m.!)

Suffolk University/WorldBoston Global Leadership present you a chance of a lifetime: the U.S. Ambassador to Poland will be stopping by Suffolk for a quick lunch. Registration for the lunch is from 12:15 - 12:30 p.m., with the lunch being from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Lunch is \$35 and open to the general public, you can find out where and reserve your spot in advance by calling (617) 570-4801

SATURDAY

Girlfriend pestering you to get off the couch and do something with her for Valentines' Day? Impress her (yeah...right) by learning salsa! From 8 to 9 p.m. at the Charlestown Knights of Columbus located at 75 West School. Take the orange line T to the Bunker Hill Community College stop, and walk right in. The best part? It's only \$2!

Armed conflict got you down? From 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in Sargent Hall room 265 more than 80 pictures will be displayed in the presentation "A Memory of Humanity: From Solferino to Guantanamo - 145 Years of Red Cross Photography". This will show very intense images of armed conflict and how the Red Cross has helped people caught in between the struggle of war.

SUNDAY

Is the American political system making you feels like you're in ancient Rome again? What better way to spend your weekend than to see Julius Cesar at the American Repertory Theatre on 64 Brattle St. Tickets range from \$39 to \$79, and can be purchased at <http://www.amrep.org/caesar/#tickets>. The show starts at 2:00 p.m.

From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. you should strap on a pair of skates and thank the Suffolk Ice Hockey team for a free skate and alumni game! It'll be at the Walter Brown Arena on 285 Babcock Street. Free admission, free refreshments, how could you loose?

MONDAY

Alright...so the Pats lost. This is nothing we can't accept. After all, we are Bostonians. However, Boston still does have other sports teams and if you bled blue for the Pats that fateful Sunday, you'll bleed yellow and black for the Bruins when they take on the Carolina Hurricanes at TD BankNorth Garden. Ticket prices range from anywhere from \$10-\$176.50 and can be purchased through ticketmaster.com

Feeling festive for black history month? From 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in Donahue 403 the fashion and history of the African head wrap will be unveiled right before your eyes. Fashion designer Imani created Tafari African Head Wraps to bring fourth the African culture to Suffolk University.

TUESDAY

Still aching for more Boston sports? But this time, you wanna see the REVER-SAL of the superbowl...with basketball? Head over to the TD BankNorth Garden again and at 7 p.m. and watch the Boston Celtics take on our usual suspects, the New York Knicks. Once again, ticket prices range from \$10-\$176.50 and once again can be purchased through ticketmaster.com

Senior at Suffolk? Thinking hard about law school? Start at 6 p.m. you can head to the Sargent Hall on 120 Tremont street and be awed by the enormous building, as well as gain some helpful information on what Suffolk's law school had to offer.

Your Week...so you can survive

What has this world come to? Unexpected victors Mitt Romney and Hilary Clinton win Massachusetts nominations, much to the surprise of all the Obama and McCain supporters, our New England Patriots lost the Superbowl, New York gloats once again with another unnecessary victory and so fourth. New England this time of year seems to be full of woe and changing weather, so let's try to keep our chins up at least.

Valentine's Day is also coming up. If you've got a girlfriend or boyfriend, well, sucks. If you don't, however, feel free to lay low for the entire day and use it to relax or head out on to the town to party your woes away. Take it from me, I've been single on Valentine's Day for the past four years and it is SO funny to watch my friends spend stupid amounts of money on their boyfriend or girlfriends. Any gift I've ever had to buy on Valentine's Day has been the exact same set up: CVS chocolates, Macy's jewelry (looks exactly the same as any other out there), and a framed picture. For the girls, I offer you only two words: video games and sports. I'm going to save most of my furry for next issue. Good luck with that gift searching, guys.

Start figuring out if you're studying abroad for next year, I believe study abroad applications are due mid-February. If you're a senior or junior it looks like you will now have to pick majors/minors or classes if you haven't decided what you want to do yet. But hey, take your time. Grab one of those big books full of courses and start looking around. Well, that's all I have to say. Go pats, I guess. At least baseball season starts in about two weeks...

Shaq's Sun shines brighter than L. A.'s stars

Ben Paulin
Journal Staff

Shaq is back in the West and he can see Kobe and the Staples Center from the top of Lookout Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona; his enormity casting a shadow over L.A.'s Pau Gasol

trade, while making his new team, the Suns, the team to beat in the Western Conference.

The addition of Shaq to the Suns, who already hold the best record in the Western Conference, finally gives Phoenix the championship experience that they have been

lacking in recent years.

People say this trade will affect the Suns fast-paced style of play, but Shaq will be running less and passing more, by pulling down rebounds and looking up court.

With O'Neal's presence in center, this opens the door for Amare Stoudemire, who is already averaging 23.1 points per game, to play power forward and dominate opposing teams' front courts.

The Lakers trade to bring Pau Gasol in definitely helps them, but the Suns are the more experienced team with veterans Steve Nash, Grant Hill, and Raja Bell. Throwing the Big Daddy into the mix poises the Suns to make that long anticipated run to the NBA Finals.

Derrick Fisher is the oldest player on the Lakers, at age 33; and he and Kobe are all that's left of their championship

days. L.A. lacks the veteran leadership to take them deep into the postseason when contending with teams like San Antonio and Dallas.

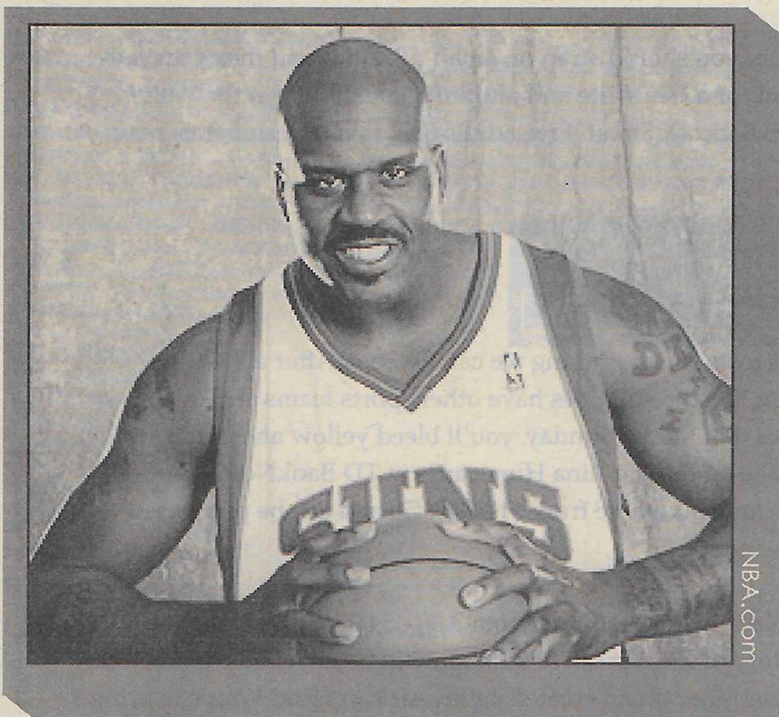
Even though Shaq has not put up Superman numbers this year, he'll be missing the All-Star game for the first time in 14 years, and he needs the rest to heal his ailing body to prep him for the second half of the season. However, opposing teams will still need to be weary of Shaq's size and presence, and he usually steps up his level of play when he is motivated by the prospect of winning it all.

Shaq clearly needed out of Miami, who has won one game in their last 24 contests, and is struggling to put up their tenth win of the season. According to Foxnews.com, Heat head coach Pat Riley said, "We're rebuilding. This is not the most desirable place to be right

now."

Once he recovers from his hip injury Shaq will literally have gone from worst to first as the Suns lead the Pacific Division by two games over the Lakers. He remains confident that he will still be effective and is certain that he will evolve Amare Stoudemire's play into Diesel incarnate.

The Suns meet up with Gasol and the Lakers the game following the All-Star break this weekend. It is not certain whether O'Neal will play against his former coach, Phil Jackson, and teammate, Kobe Bryant. But he will certainly be in attendance and his shadow will undoubtedly be cast on the game, looming over the Lakers and their trade as they both push towards the playoffs.



Point

Shaq vs. Gasol

Counterpoint

Gasol: living large in La-La Land

Cody Moskovitz
Journal Staff

The constant vehement testimonies by Roger Clemens and Brian McNamee have not been the only flip-flopping occurring in the sports universe these days. Both the LA Lakers and the Phoenix Suns pulled huge trades recently to stack themselves up for a strong second half and a legitimate shot at a championship run. Pau Gasol is headed to La La Land while Shaquille O'Neal has been shipped off to Phoenix. These trades not only improve the individual teams, but they also send this very important message to the Western Conference and the entire league: size does matter!

Currently, the Lakers are 34-17, sitting in the fifth spot in the Western Conference, and just two games back of the Suns in the Pacific Division. Just a few weeks ago they received bad news that their force in the middle, Andrew Bynum, would be missing about two months due to a knee injury. Now in his third season, Bynum has come into his own, putting up career high numbers, (13.1 ppg, 10.2 rpg and 63.3 FG %), and

helping to lead a winning team. When he went down, with Kobe probably getting antsy for some action, Lakers GM Mitch Kupchak swung a huge deal for the Purple and Gold. The Lakers gave up career-bust Kwame Brown, some guy named Javaris Crittenton, a couple draft picks and some cash for seven-foot tall Spanish Star Pau Gasol. This trade is huge.

Gasol brings experience as a young veteran (just 27 years old in his seventh season) and proven, consistent career numbers. His career vitals are such: 18.9 ppg, 8.6 rpg, 3.1 apg (as a big man) 51 percent from the field and a shade under 75 percent from the free-throw line. The guy is a versatile big man who plays very tough at both ends of the court. He has been a great player on a mediocre Memphis team for a long time, and with a change of scenery and some solid talent around him, Gasol will surely flourish and play to his highest potential. Under a coach like Phil Jackson, with Kobe being Kobe, Bynum when he's healthy, and other role players in place, Gasol will fit in well

with the Lakers. He may not give them what they had when Shaq was in LA, but combined with Bynum, they can be just as dominant as the Diesel was.

This move works in every way for the Lakers; they lose some disposable assets, they fill in for the temporary loss of Bynum, and in the process, flat-out increase the overall talent level of their squad. With this move, the Lakers automatically become a legitimate title contender, even in the wild Western Conference. Die-hard Lakers fan Jack Nicholas has a lot of reason to be excited out in Los Angeles after this transaction.

Just a few hours drive to the East, there has been another important deal involving a West coast powerhouse. The Western Conference leading Phoenix Suns (36-15) sent Shawn Merrian and young back-up guard Marcus Banks off to the Miami Heat in exchange for the self-proclaimed "Great Aristotle," Shaquille O'Neal.

The story with Shaq is fairly simple: the guy is huge; he has been a superb player for the entirety of his 15 year career

and is a proven winner. His career numbers are flat out awesome, 25.6 ppg, 11.5 rpg, 11 all-star selections, and four NBA rings. There are, however, some other truths about the big fella. He's 35 going on 36, having some physical ailments (particularly recently) and certainly is not the same dominating player that he was once was in his Magic and Lakers Days.

Shaq worked well in those other systems with individual stars, Penny Hardaway, Kobe Bryant, and even Dwayne Wade who helped shoulder the load with the big guy on their respective squads. At his age now, I am wondering if he will even be able to run the court with the stars of the Suns. Guys like Amare Stoudamire, the Canadian Kid Steve Nash, Leandro Barbosa and Grant Hill and a mix of other young role players. Nobody can argue that the Suns are not an exciting, talented team, but can Shaq immediately make them into a championship winning team? I hardly think so. Although I do see the Suns reasoning for pulling the deal, figuring that they are getting a

guy who can play a role within their club and maybe push them over the top to win a title, I really don't believe that Shaq is the right fit for Phoenix. In a conference stacked with solid big men, I argue that the Suns are better off with Merrian and trying to beat teams with their speed game than having a Shaquille O'Neal who is one-step behind the likes of the competition, guys like Duncan, Nowitzki, Camby and Bynum.

Overall, it seems obvious that looking at the two deals themselves; the Lakers come away as the big winner. They made themselves a better team by acquiring Gasol and dropping those other stiffies than the Suns did by acquiring Shaq and losing Merian and Banks. As the season rolls on, we can anticipate seeing how far these new guys can take their respective clubs, initially when they face off shortly after the All-Star Break Weekend, and hopefully, sometime down the road in postseason play. These teams certainly got physically bigger, but only time will prove that the Lakers got truly better.

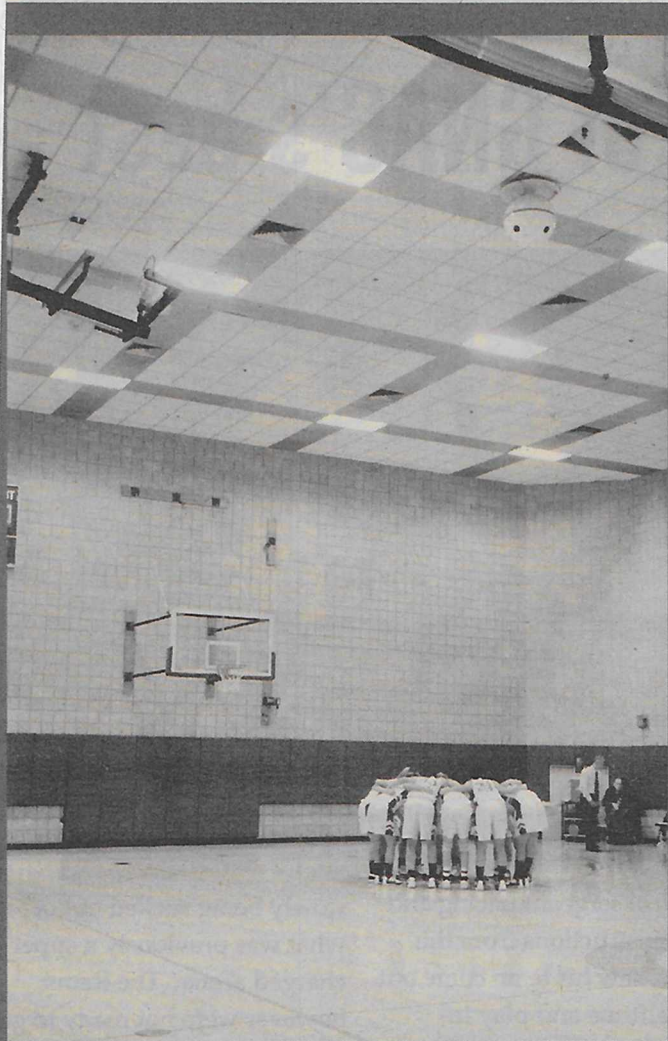


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the stifling Emmanuel press. Freshman guard Christie Iwaniki gave the Suffolk team a spark with her aggressive play and was a key player for Suffolk in the second half, netting 10 points and three assists. The Rams were creating consistent quality shot opportunities off their run game and were crashing the offensive boards to create second and third shot attempts and get to the free-throw line. Most importantly, the Suffolk girls took care of business on their own end of the court, playing consistent pressure defense and making Emmanuel earn everything that got throughout the entire ball-game. In a span of roughly seven minutes late in the second half, the Rams were able to build lead as high as 10 points and despite a few last runs by the Saints, would finish strong, knock down shots late and emerge with a 66-55 win.

Although the final score may not accurately depict how close this game truly was, the Rams battled hard for the entire 40 minutes allowing them to grab

this important win.

This game was the first time ever in the team's 33 matchups that the Lady Rams have knocked off an Emmanuel College squad. Furthermore, The Saints suffered just their second regular season loss in their last 98 GNAC games, an almost unthinkable streak at any level of competition.

After the game, Suffolk head coach Ed Leyden said that the key to this victory was that "the girls stuck together and played hard and as a team." Leyden, who has now been at Suffolk for 11 years, knows how important games like these are saying that "competing with and beating a national power like Emmanuel is a very rewarding accomplishment" and can be used as "a great building block for future successes."

After Saturday's big win, Suffolk sits tied for second place at 8-2 in the GNAC standings with Emerson, but is still sitting in a good position to try and claim first place from the still conference leader, 9-1 Emmanuel, when the regular season wraps up in the next coming weeks.

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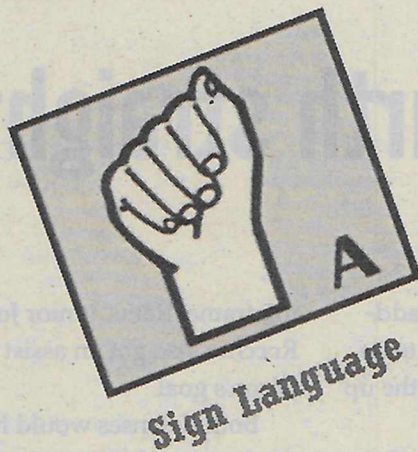
frame. They had an early power play, but were unable to get any rubber past Stoeher, who made 21 saves for the Hawks.

Later in the period, the Rams took two consecutive penalties, putting the Hawks on a 5-on-3 power play. Becker was able to apply strong pressure and keep the puck in the offensive zone, but Rose was able to come up with some big saves. However, with about 20 seconds remaining on the two-man advantage, Becker's John Nogatch was able to blast a slapshot past Rose through a maze of legs, to give the Hawks a 4-2 lead with just under seven minutes to go in the game, effectively sealing the deal.

Robert Higgins tallied the fifth Hawk goal a few minutes later with 4:50 in the third.

The Rams applied some pressure in the end, but with the help of his defense, Stoeher was able to keep the puck out of the net, allowing Becker to seal the win.

The Rams next game is tonight, at home against Plymouth State at 7 p.m.



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Lady Rams topple Saints in battle of GNAC's best

Cody Moskovitz
Journal Staff

On a cold, damp day in Boston on Feb. 9, 2008, Suffolk's Regan Gymnasium was white hot with intensity and intrigue. The number two GNAC ranked Lady Rams basketball squad welcomed the GNAC's number one seed Emmanuel College Saints to Beacon Hill for an important regular season match-up.

Resting in the background of this basketball battle was a storyline that had nothing to do with the on-court activities. This game kicked off the GNAC's "Think Pink" week which is a program designed to raise awareness for the issue of breast cancer. From Feb. 9-16, at 11 various GNAC women's basketball competitions, donations will be collected with proceeds going to the Kay Yow Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation. All GNAC teams will sport pink

warm-up shirts, referees will be blowing hot pink whistles, and coaches and fans are encouraged to wear pink to their show recognition during this week-long event. This game against Emmanuel is the only "Think Pink" match-up that Suffolk will participate in.

In this game, from the very outset, it was strong defense that set the tone. Emmanuel's suffocating full-court press really forced the Rams into a fast-paced, sometimes frantic offensive scheme. Despite the staunch defense from the Saints, the Rams guards found ways to push the ball quickly up-court and take advantage of some easy quick shot opportunities that the Saints exposed with their strict trap. The Rams were led in the first half by forward Stephanie Morrissey who had six points and three

rebounds in 15 minutes.

The Saints countered the Rams up-tempo first half play with a slow, controlled half-court offensive set where they tried to create consistent, high-percentage looks from the floor and opportunities to score inside.

With so much on the line in this crucial match-up, both teams appeared to have some early game butterflies. The teams both shot under 36 percent and combined for 27 turnovers in the first half alone. By half-time the score-board was a fairly good indicator of the even on-court play, Suffolk 25, Emmanuel 21.

In the second half, the teams seemed to let loose of their first-half jitters and really get into the flow of the game. Emmanuel head coach Andy Yosinoff, who seemed more



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like a drill sergeant pacing and yelling instructions from the sideline, saw his team come out from halftime and play inspired ball. The Saints created a string of three turnovers to reverse what was a four point Suffolk lead to a two point lead for themselves. As the Saints surged, you could feel the wind

slowly being sucked out of what was previously a super-charged arena. The Rams however were not ready to go down quite yet.

The girls stuck with their game plan, continuing to play tough defense while slowly finding ways to break down see RAMS page 11

Ailing hockey team drops fourth straight to Becker

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Sophomore Jared Kersner recorded a hat-trick to help visiting Becker College defeat Suffolk, 5-2, this past Monday in an ECAC Northeast division tilt at Walter Brown Arena.

The Rams got goals from junior forward Alex Olson and freshman defenseman Tom Coulstring in the loss. Freshman goalie Jeff Rose made 36 saves, his sixth straight 30+ save performance, according to the Suffolk Athletics website.

The loss was the fourth straight for the Rams, who dropped to 10-11-0 overall, with an 8-4 mark in the ECAC Northeast, good for sixth place in the conference. The Hawks improved to 10-10-2 on the year, while posting a 7-5-1 mark in ECAC Northeast play.

The Rams, as a team, were under the weather according to head coach Chris Glionna. "As a team we are fighting a flu bug and I think it took a lot out of us," he said.

Glionna went on to say that the team was "very disappoint-

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ed" in Monday's result, adding "It will be up to our team leaders to play better in the upcoming games."

The game had very little flow early, with most of the play occurring in the neutral zone as neither team could get much going offensively. The Hawks benefited from a questionable elbowing call on the Rams' defenseman Nick Davis, and notched the first goal of the game on the ensuing power play. A blast from the point went wide of the goal, but a friendly bounce put the puck on the stick of Kersner, who flipped the pick over Rose 3:52 into the game.

The Rams would not stay down for long, however, as they were able to get revenge on a power play of their own. With Becker junior defenseman John Nogatch in the box for boarding, Olson took a feed from junior Mitch Sabo and ripped one past Hawks' goalie Tony Stoehr to tie the game, with 10:05 left in the open-

ing frame. Rams' junior John Rocchio also got an assist on Olson's goal.

Both defenses would hold the fort until halfway through the middle period, when another special teams goal would swing the momentum Becker's way. With Becker's Jim Ceglarek in the box for holding, the Rams found themselves on a power play. However, Kersner blocked an attempted pass back to the right point and took off on a breakaway, then fired a glove-side wrist shot past Rose for a shorthanded-goal, giving Becker the 2-1 lead with just under nine minutes to go in the period.

However, the Rams showed resiliency after falling behind early, and were not deterred by being down again. With just over a minute to go in the middle stanza, Coulstring carried the puck out of his defensive zone, and rushed it up ice. An attempted centering pass was blocked, but Coulstring found the puck back on his stick as he

was fighting to the crease, and was able to bat the puck past Stoehr to tie the game up again for the Rams at 18:55 of the second period.

With the momentum seemingly on their side going into intermission, the Rams may have gotten a little too relaxed defensively. After applying strong pressure in the Suffolk zone in the final minute of the period, it was Kersner again who struck, rifling a loose puck past Rose with just 02.5 seconds on the clock, giving himself a hat trick and Becker the lead and all of the momentum.

Kersner's hat trick was unique, in that he scored in three of the five different ways possible in a hockey game: one on the power-play, one shorthanded, and one even-strength goal.

With the momentum drained out of them by Kersner's last second goal, the Rams found themselves facing an uphill climb in the final

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